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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA et al

-vs-

ARAKI, Sadao et al

SWORN DEPOSITION

Deponent: YAMAZAKI, Iwao

Having first duly sworn an oath as on attached sheet and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country I hereby depose as follows.

I, YAMAZAKI, Iwao make oath and say as follows:

1) I, YAMAZAKI, Iwao served from January 1940 to July 1940 as Chief of the Police Affairs Bureau in the Home Ministry.

2) As Chief of the Police Affairs Bureau in the Home Ministry, it was my responsibility to preserve law and order throughout Japan and it was part of my duties to try and prevent anticipated incidents from arising and in the event that they did occur

to take necessary steps to subdue them. In order to accomplish this effectively, it was necessary that I keep myself well informed of various movements among the civilian populations and to ascertain the opinions and purposes of various group I constantly received information from my subordinates in connection with these matters. While I was serving as Chief of the Police Affairs Bureau in the Home Ministry, the so-called July 5th incident occurred in July, 1940. From information I received I ascertained that the July 5th incident was plotted by more than 30 members of a rightist reformist group, led by MAYEDA, Torao and KAGEYAMA, Masaharu in attempts to assassinate those whom they regarded as pro-American and pro-British advocates of the status quo or liberalists. This group believed these proposed victims were obstructing it projected national reform. The plot was timed for before daybreak, July 5, 1940, but due to advance information we had received, the assassinations were prevented and all of the plotters were rounded up just when they were leaving their base of operation, fully armed with hand-grenades, revolvers Japanese swords, and various other weapons. At

this time Marquis KIDO was the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal. The Metropolitan Police interrogated these would be assassins and found out that the target of their attempted assassinations included the following:

(1) Prime Minister YONAI, as representative of the Government.

(2) Mr. YUASA, Kurahei, former Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal; Admiral OKADA, ex-Premier; Baron HARADA, Kumao; Count MAKINO, former Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal; Marquis KIDO, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal and Mr. MATSUDAIRA, Tsuneo, Minister of the Imperial Household, as representatives of the Senior Statesmen.

(3) Mr. MATSUDAIRA, leader of the Minseito Party and four other as representatives of the political parties. The would be assassins were only tried, convicted and sentenced to prison terms. Additional police protection for the above mentioned proposed victims was provided for a period of time after this event.

On this 2nd day of Feb. 1948

At Tokyo

DEPONENT: /s/ YAMAZAKI, Iwao (seal)

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I, KIDO, Takahiko, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At same place.

Witness: /S/ KIDO, Takahiko (seal)

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/S/ YAMAZAKI, Iwao (seal)

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亞米利加合衆國 其他

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二、内務省警保局長タリシ余ノ職務ハ全四半於ル治安維持デアリ、且

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1 政府代表トシテ米内首相
2 重臣代表トシテ湯淺前内府、岡田元首相、原田熊雄男、牧野元内府、木戸内府及松平宮相

3 財閥代表トシテ池田成勲外二名
4 政黨代表トシテ町田民政黨總裁外四名等ナリ
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昭和二十三年（一九四八年）二月二日 於

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洗足一四六四

供 進 者

山 崎

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立 會 人ノ 而 前ニテ 宣 誓シ 且ツ 竊 名 捺 印シタルコトヲ 證 明シマス

同 日 於 同 所

立 會 人

木 戸 孝 彦

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